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this debate. And I'm speaking of the perspective of a Lincoln citizen and what is happening in the Lincoln Public Schools and may be happening in your part of the state as well. But, Senator Chambers, I don't know if you've been in the classroom lately or not. By and large, in my school system, I think that teachers are doing a remarkable job. They are not only educating probably children with more needs than they ever have before, but they are doing all kinds of activities that this Legislature, to some degree, has pushed them into. For instance, if you recall last year, I believe it was, we passed the bill that said that the teachers would write the standardized tests that we give to children all across the state and it was going to be kind of a local control kind of thing, and so we had teachers actually having to write the tests and be engaged in that activity. We have constantly, over the years, made new requirements from them in terms of curriculum, in terms of reporting, and et cetera. At the same time, the media not...and I'm speaking more of the media on the national level, has continually denigrated, if you will, through stories, editorials, about how terrible our educational system is and...and, admittedly, it is in some places, but I think, by and large, in Nebraska we have a very good educational system and the proof is in the pudding. The standardized tests that our children take, by and large, we do very well on. We rank very high nationally. Recently in Lincoln, in addition to that, there was a second bond issue that failed, which was very unusual in Lincoln, Nebraska. I think that teachers are demoralized right now and I think that it is very, very, very difficult to stay in the classroom with all of these things that are going on. So even though, Senator Chambers, I think you have some legitimate issues, I wanted to say that about my own school system and about some of the other school systems across the state. I certainly think giving scholarships and encouraging people to go into teaching is a good public policy and one that I've traditionally supported, but I have to reiterate I'm also concerned when I hear that this may be the teacher help program of the year, because I don't believe that it's enough. I don't know if you saw the paper this morning, but it was talking about a school system I think out in Bassett that is getting very, very few applications for teachers that they need this year, and there are genuinely concern. I don't